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INCREASE IN DENGUE MALARIA CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether diseases like Dengue and Malaria are increasing at an alarming rate in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of Dengue and Malaria cases reported during the last three years and current year till date State-wise;

(d) the number of deaths occurred during the said period, State-wise;

(e) the details of the financial assistance provided for the eradication/prevention of these diseases during the last three years and current year;

(f) whether any target has been fixed for the eradication of Malaria; and

(g) if so, the effective measures taken by the Government for the prevention and eradication of these diseases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) The reported number of dengue cases and deaths by the States during 2001 to 2005 indicates that the highest number of cases (12754 and 251 deaths) were during the year 2003. These cases declined to 4153 with 45 deaths during 2004. In the current year, the States have reported 8876 cases and 64 deaths till 16th November, 2005. Tire number of cases and deaths due to dengue as reported by the Sate Health Authorities is given at Annexure-I and for Malaria at Annexure-II

The Malaria cases in the country have declined from 1.86 million during 2003 to 1.84 million during 2004. However, Plasmodium falciparam(Pf) cases increased from 0.85 million to 0.88 million. During the current year also, Malaria cases and Pf cases have declined from 0.80 million to 0.77 million and 0.35 million to 0.31 million respectively. The country wise data for the past 3 years is presented below:-

Year	Blood Slide Examination	Malaria Cases	Pf Cases	Deaths
2002	91617725	1842019	897454	973
2003	99136143	1869403	857101	1006
2004	96448548	1844413	882044	944
2004	50504480	809204	354127	395
2005	55208492	771560	316590	464

Provisional Upto August

(e) For dengue control during 2003-04, Rs.3.50 crores cash assistance was released to different dengue affected States (Rs.63.35 lakhs to NCT of Delhi) to support IEC, capacity building through trainings etc.This support also includes funds for procurement of portable fogging machines.25 Kilolitres of Pyrethrum Extract was supplied to various States during the currecnt year.

For malaria, an amount of Rs.202.90 crores, 152.72 Crores and Rs. `.53.50 crores has been given to the States and UTs during 2002-2003, 2003-25)04 and 2004-05 respectively in the form of cash and commodity grant.

(f) No target has been fixed for complete eradication of malaria.

(g) Govt. of India and the endemic States are working together for controlling dengue and malaria epidemics. While preventing measures and control of outbreaks is the responsibility of the State Govts., technical support for investigation, prevention and control of dengue and malaria outbreak in different pirts of the country is provided by the Govt. of India to the States through Directorate of NVBDCP, Delhi.NVBDCP also organizes training programme os prevention and control of dengue and malaria for State and district level health functionaries.The Govt. of India provides insecticides, larvicides and other equipments and materials as per requirement of the States. The State Govts on their part undertake surveillance activities, IEC campaigns, fogging to control adult vector during outbreak and case management in various hospitals and health certres.